

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, January 12, 2005

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, January 12, 2006, at 6:30 p.m., at Dexter Elmhurst Family Center, 20361 Plymouth, Detroit, Michigan 48228.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley **(ABS)**
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**
Arthur Blackwell II

Department Personnel Present

AC Walter Martin
AC George A. Hall Jr.
DC Marshall Lyons
DC Robert Dunlap
DC Brenda Goss-Andrews
DC Chester Logan
DC Tony Saunders
DC Claudia Barden-Jackson
DC Joyce Motley
DC Ralph Godbee
DC Billy McFarley
Cmdr. Dennis Fulton
Cmdr. Hope Facen-Berry
Cmdr. Shereece Fleming-Freeman
Cmdr. Ricky Brown
Sgt. Daran Carey
Sgt. Lathea Miller
P.O. Sophia Nelms
P.O. James Knox

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv. **(ABS)**
Ainsley Cromwell, Acting Chief Investigator
Victoria Scott-Miller, Senior Inv./Comm. Relations

P.O. Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Manila Harris	Mary Simpson
Ron Scott	Patricia Carter
Denise P. Smith	Helen Moore
Mayoue Turne	Russell Roberts
Michael L. Searcy	Jeanetto Lofton
William E. Bookes	Inez Fair
Elizabeth Harrison	Eleanor Hutchins
Eric Smiley	Craig D. Myree
James Carson	Emery Jones
Eula Henley	Marvin Stephens
Norris Collier	William Hortch
Ulysses S. Austin	Wendell Burke
Victoria Koski	Joan Robinson-Chub
Abenia Hezan	Rochelle Jones
Rodney Jones	Cynthia Johnson
Gwen Winston	H. Vallery
T. Nelson	Sandra Hines
Charles McCallum	Bill Redmond
Alfred Stokes	Kenatta Rahnogs

RECORDERS

Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ramirez called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:50 pm.

Chairperson Ramirez acknowledged the presence of Board members and staff.

Chairperson Ramirez thanked Mr. Wilbert Wimbush, Director of Dexter Elmhurst Family Center, for hosting this community meeting.

W. Wimbush thanked the Board of Police Commissioners and the Western District for choosing Dexter Elmhurst Family Center for its meeting. He thanked DC Lyons and the Western District for what they are doing for the community.

Chairperson Ramirez acknowledged School Board Member David Murray who was in attendance.

Comm. Blackwell read the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Police Commissioners.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for January 5, 2006, were tabled due to a lack of a quorum.

3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

RESOLUTION HONORING

Ms. Lucille Reed

WHEREAS Mrs. Lucille Reed is a resident and community leader in the city of Detroit; and

WHEREAS Mrs. Reed, who retired from General Motors after more than sixteen years of exemplary service, had been an active member of the former Twelfth Precinct Community Relations Board for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS Mrs. Reed generously contributes her time with other community events such as the Western District's Beautification Committee and Blight Removal Day, and the National Night Out, and has demonstrated her commitment to ridding the community of blight by

helping to remove advertisement signs from poles around the Western District and numerous bus stop shelters; and

WHEREAS Mrs. Reed participates in the annual Easter Egg Hunt held in Palmer Park, and is also instrumental in assisting with the annual Haunted Hay Ride, which provides children with a safe and fun activity for Halloween; and

WHEREAS Mrs. Reed, in addition to all the aforementioned activities, demonstrates her pride in and commitment to the city by helping to remove advertisement signs from poles and bus stop shelters in the Western District, and by spending numerous hours planting flowers every spring for the officers and citizens of Detroit to enjoy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the city of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges the charitable spirit of Mrs. Lucille Reed. Her unselfishness and dedication to improving the quality of life for all citizens in her community and throughout the city of Detroit merits our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Mrs. Lucille Reed.

/s/ Erminia Ramirez
Chairperson

/s/ Rev. Jim Holley
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie
Commissioner

/s/ Willie Hampton
Commissioner

**ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS /s/ Arthur Blackwell, II
January 12, 2006 Commissioner**

Deputy Chief Lyons presented Ms. Reed with the Spirit of Detroit Award on behalf of City Council.

Ms. Reed thanked everyone for recognizing her.

The adoption of the Resolution for Ms. Reed was tabled because there was no quorum.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS

OFFICE CLOSING

The Board of Police Commissioners' Office and the Office of the Chief Investigator will be **CLOSED** on the following date:

- Monday, January 16, 2006, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
2006 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	42	51
2005 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	15	29

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of **22** cases this week.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted **4** cases to the Chief's Office.
- The Chief's Office has reviewed and returned **4** cases to OCI.

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”



The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Narcotics/ Gang Enforcement

During the period of January 1, 2006 through January 8, 2006, Narcotics / Gang Enforcement conducted 32 search warrants and 30 street enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 35 Felony arrests
- 70 Misdemeanor arrests
- 312.2 grams of cocaine, 13.80 grams of heroin, 20,872.6 grams of marijuana, and 75 Pills, street value
- **\$233,960.40**
- **\$22,027.00** in U.S. Currency

Confiscated:

- 14 Handguns

Investigative Operations-West

On January 5th, officers responded to the 8000 block of Grandville on a “Shots Fired,” run. An investigation revealed two (2) men and one (1) female were arguing. The boyfriend of the female armed with a handgun, fired shots causing injury to his neck and chest. The man was taken to the hospital to be treated for his injuries. **As a result of this investigation, the man was arrested without incident for “2 Counts of Assault with Intent to Murder,” “2 counts of Felonious Assault,” and “one count of Felony Firearm.”**

Special points of interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, January 19, 2006
@3:00 P.M.

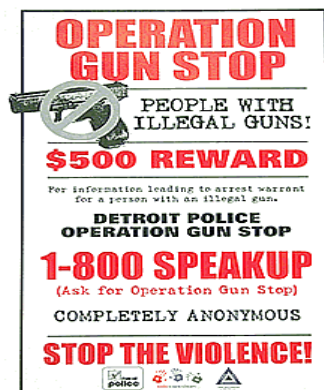
Detroit Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien, Suite 328A
Detroit, Michigan 48226

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Domestic Violence

On January 5th, officers from Northwestern District responded to the 12000 block of Mettetal on a “Domestic Violence” run. An investigation revealed that a man armed with a handgun pointed the weapon at a female and began dragging her through the house. The female grabbed a knife and cut the man to break free. **As a result of this investigation the man was arrested for “Felonious Assault,” “Felony in Possession,” and “Domestic Violence.”**



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Police / Community Intervention

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Eastern District



On January 6th, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 16000 block of E. Warren on an "Armed Robbery of a Business" run. An investigation disclosed that a man armed with a handgun, robbed the business and escaped in a vehicle. *As a result of the investigation, the man was arrested without incident for "Armed Robbery Business".*

Northeastern District

On January 3rd, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 8900 block of Rohms on a "Breaking and Entering in Progress" run. An investigation disclosed that five (5) individuals were inside of the location taking items. Once the officers arrived, they observed the door open and the individuals inside the residence attempting to escape. *As a result of the investigation, all involved were arrested without incident for "Home Invasion."*

Central District

On January 5th, officers from the Central District responded to the area of Linwood and W. Grand Blvd on a "Traffic Stop". Officers attempted to stop a vehicle for speeding. The driver refused to stop for the officers and he also failed to stop for a stop sign. The driver finally stopped and jumped out of his vehicle. The driver ran on foot towards the officers and began pushing them. *The driver was arrested for "Fleeing and Eluding," "Resisting and Obstructing a Police Officer," and "Motor Vehicle Advisory."*

Western District

On January 6th, officers of the Western District were patrolling the 11000 block of Livernois when they observed a vehicle that was previously reported as being involved in several robberies of businesses in the area that week. *As a result of the investigation, one (1) man was arrested without incident for "Robbery."*



Southwestern District



On January 4th, officers of the Southwestern District responded to the 1400 block of Junction on a "Home Invasion/Shots Fired" run. An investigation disclosed that three (3) men had forced their way inside of a home and one (1) of the men was armed with a handgun. *Subsequent to the investigation, two (2) of the men were arrested without incident for "Breaking and Entering" and "Carrying a Concealed Weapon."*

Northwestern District

On January 6th, officers of the Northwestern District were patrolling the area of the 8000 block of Memorial and observed a vehicle blocking a driveway. As the officers approached the vehicle on foot, the passenger stepped out of the vehicle. The officers observed a handgun partially exposed in the man's coat. *Officers immediately secured the weapon and arrested the man for "Carrying a Concealed Weapon." Confiscated was (1) one handgun."*

AC Martin stated the initiative for 2006 is the involvement of the community to create activities, so that the citizens of Detroit can help us reduce crime.

6. PRESENTATION/REPORT – WESTERN DISTRICT

DC Lyons gave a brief overview of the Western District and current endeavors. He also introduced his staff members.

The Western District encompasses 19.8 square miles and has approximately 170,000 people, and has 51 schools including (4) high schools and (4) parochial schools. The Western District also has (3) colleges, (U of D/Mercy, Marygrove, and Lewis College of Business).

The Western District has undertaken the following initiatives to reduce crime:

- The Cobra Units, Community Relations Officers and Patrol Officers conduct wrap around operations of addresses within the District, which have been raided by Narcotics or which have been known to be a narcotic location.
- The Community Relations Officers distributed crime alert bulletins to all of the businesses in the Western District, as well as given safety reports and tips at block club meetings.
- Foot patrols have been established at the strip malls located within the Western District.
- Fixed surveillance has been established in the areas with a higher incidence of criminal activity which has resulted in multiple arrests.
- Sector supervisors have been charged with and begun implementing various crime reducing initiatives.

The Western District has two (2) established radio patrols with a growing membership. The Community Relations Unit is in the process of developing two additional radio patrol groups with an anticipated start date of June 2006. The members will send a message to the citizens that they care about their neighborhood and they will report any suspicious activity to the police.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Chairperson Ramirez asked DC Lyons who is the president of the Community Relation Council.

DC Lyons stated we have two (2) and they are Mr. Don Johnson and Ms. Manila Harris.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Comm. Blackwell wished "Happy New Year" to the community and all who were in attendance. He stated we are looking forward to another successful year, as crime decreases in Detroit. He stated we are looking to work with all units of the Police Department.

Chairperson Ramirez asked DC Lyons what about the radio patrols.

DC Lyons stated we have two (2) patrols and are in the process of developing two (2) more.

Chairperson Ramirez asked how many citizens are involved.

Cmdr. Fleming-Freeman stated a minimum of 18-20 citizens is needed to start a radio patrol unit.

D. Johnson stated we have 2-3 radio patrols that have been established before today. He apologized for not getting that information to DC Lyons.

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, January 19, 2006 @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters, Room 328-A
1300 Beaubien
Detroit, MI 48226

9. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

C. McCallum thanked the Western District and Dexter Center for supporting his basketball team from Westside Academy.

B. Redmond asked why are the citizens notified at the last minute about the Board meetings. He stated he was notified today about this meeting.

Exec. Dir. Goss stated the notices go out to the community at least two weeks before the meeting.

B. Redmond asked when was this.

Exec. Dir. Goss stated it was two weeks ago.

B. Redmond stated in the old 10th precinct area we just found out about this meeting today. Because of a lack of communication we have a small crowd here today.

Comm. Blackwell stated that we will try to do a better job of getting the information to the community.

M. Simpson stated she would like a calendar for the rest of the year to send to all of the members.

A. Stokes stated we have a big communication gap between the new district and the citizens on the west side of Warren. It was mentioned that the department was going to have substations.

Cmdr. Fleming-Freeman stated we are going to have substations. We will do a better job with communication. We did get the message out to our Community Relation Council as to where the meeting was going to be held.

D. Johnson stated at the city-wide meeting, all of the Community Relation Councils came together and agreed to put together a plan for each precinct to merge. We are working on that plan right now. We have agreed to move our meetings from the 12th precinct to the police recreation building. The Western District has made their van available to get citizens to these meetings and we make sure they get back home.

M. Harris stated each president has a mailing list of the Western District members. She stated she mailed out one hundred thirty-two (132) notices and only received four back. If there's anyone who is not on this list, please call her and she will add you to the list.

S. Hines announced the passing of Ms. Gwendolyn Walters and what she meant to the community and her passion for speaking up for our children.

Comm. Blackwell stated we have a resolution for Ms. Walters, but because of a lack of quorum we will have to adopt it at our next Board meeting.

B. Redmond stated he would like to see some paperwork on the merger of the Community Relation Council.

AC Martin stated to Mr. Redmond that he can speak to DC Lyons and Cmdr. Fleming-Freeman after the meeting.

H. Jones asked when can we see more police presence on the streets, so that senior citizens won't be afraid to come out of their houses at night.

Comm. Blackwell stated the reorganization is still a work in progress. Under this reorganization we have more officers on the street than we had before. The closing of some of the precincts did happen, but the department will be rolling out some substations this spring.

DC Lyons stated that the old 10th precinct is taking citizen's reports. The station is being manned 24-7 for the far west side citizens would not have to travel to the 12th precinct.

AC Martin stated that we need to inform the Western District Community that the old 10th Precinct is open to take reports 24-7.

AC Hall, Jr. stated that this district should have a substation at the end of this month and no later than the middle of next month.

G. Winston stated the Winston Institute is housed in the Dexter Elmhurst Family Center and provide services for young people between the ages of 12-25.

Chairperson Ramirez stated for the record, our next community Board meeting will be held at Samaritan Health Center at 555 Conner in the Eastern District at 6:30 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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